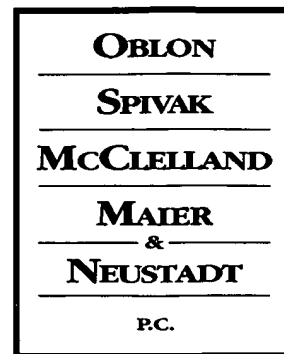


Docket No.: 220664US6X PCT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

GREGORY J. MAIER
(703) 413-3000
GMAIER@OBLON.COM

CHRISTOPHER D. WARD
SENIOR ASSOCIATE
(703) 413-3000
CWARD@OBLON.COM

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/070,818 ✓
Applicants: Hermanus Johannes WAANDERS
RCE Filing October 30, 2003
Date:
For: ASSEMBLY FOR SUPPORTING AN OBJECT
Group Art Unit: 3679
Examiner: MACARTHUR, V. L.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Gregory J. Maier

Registration No. 25,599

Customer Number

22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone)
(703) 413-2220 (fax)
I:\ATTY\GS\2285\220664\SHTCOV 1.DOC

Christopher D. Ward
Registration No. 41,367

DOCKET NO: 220664US6X PCT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : DATE ALLOWED: JULY 20, 2004
HERMANUS JOHANNES WAANDERS : EXAMINER: MACARTHUR, V. L.
SERIAL NO: 10/070,818 :
RCE FILED: OCTOBER 30, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3679
FOR: ASSEMBLY FOR SUPPORTING :
AN OBJECT

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated July 20, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the statement of reasons for allowance regarding the above-identified application as follows:

Comments begin on page 2 of this paper.

COMMENTS

The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included at page 2, of the Notice of Allowance dated July 20, 2004 indicates that "The examiner agrees with the applicant's argument that the prior art does not disclose or suggest first, second and third pairs of holes (or indentations) formed on a surface of the second object such that first, second and third pairs of **metal balls** are tightly fitted ..." (emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits that allowed Claims 1 and 11 do not recite a feature "... first, second and third pairs of **metal balls** are tightly fitted ..." (emphasis added).

Rather, Claims 1 and 11 recite "... first, second and third pairs of **protrusions** tightly fitted ..." (emphasis added) respectively.

Consequently, the statement in the Notice of Allowability is believed to be improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a revised statement of reasons for allowance that better reflects allowed Claims 1 and 11.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Gregory J. Maier
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 25,599

Christopher D. Ward
Registration No. 41,367

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 06/04)

GJM/CDW/GS:mda
I:\ATTY\GS\22s\220664\COMMENTS ON STATEMENT.DOC